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The following order was issued by the Central Administration of the Interior of the SMA:

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Order No. 238 of the Supreme Chief of the Soviet Military Administration and Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Occupation Forces in Germany.

As a consequence of the reports submitted by "subgroups" PK 3 and PK 4 up to 16 May 1949 which were not satisfactory, the following directives are issued to the "polit-bureaus" regarding the employment of the "polit-squads" PK 1 and PK 2.

- Increased surveillance is to be immediately ^{put} placed on the provincial chairmen and functionaries of the "LDP" (Liberal Democratic Party) and "CDU" (Christian Democratic Party) within the Soviet Zone of Germany, including BERLIN. The correspondence of these parties, which we know is conveyed by messengers, is to be closely checked.
- The Soviet Zone police units under Generals FULZ, V. MUELLER, von JESCH and "Polizeiraebe" (police captains) BAUMGART, JONAS, SCHIMANSKI, REINHARD, W. FISCHER and WOTSCHEWSKI are to be placed under surveillance.
- By order of Genmajor KVASHNIN, the units of the railroad police training camps in STENDAL, SCHWERIN, GROSSEWALD, ERFURT, HALLE, MAGDEBURG, BRANDENBURG and DRESDEN are to be interspersed with "polit-squads" PK 1 and PK 2.
- The railroad district administrations are to be kept under surveillance by PK 1 and PK 2.

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5. All future reports are to be immediately conveyed to the Central Administration of the Interior of the G.D.R. by courier.

Signed: General V. SHOLKOV, Supreme Chief of Soviet Military Administration and Commander-in-Chief of Soviet Occupation Forces in Germany.

Signed: General GORBAKOV, Chief of the Central Administration of the Interior with the Soviet Military Administration Germany.

Hand-written note: Depending on efficiency "PKs" (political commissars) are classified into four categories.

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Comment:

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a. The fact that "PKs" (political commissars) are classified into categories 1 thru 4 depending on their efficiency was unknown [REDACTED]

b. The BERLIN "Sozialdemokrat" of 23 July 1949 published an article headlined "Cancellation of Leaves for People's Police". The article stated that all police personnel were to be placed under increased surveillance regarding their political attitude, by order of Zaisler, Vice-President of the German Administration of the Interior, and Franz SCHILLER, member of the Polit-bureau of the SED (Socialist Unity Party).

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